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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A back massaging device for being coupled to a wall of a structure to be rubbed against a back of a user to massage the back of the user, the back massaging device comprising:

a body member being adapted for being coupled to the wall; ~~and~~

a plurality of massaging members being coupled to said body member such that said massaging members are adapted for being positioned opposite the wall when said body member is coupled to the wall, said massaging members being adapted for kneading the back of the user when the back of the user is rubbed against said body member and said massaging members; and

said body member comprising a pair of side edges, one of said side edges being positioned opposite the other one of said side edges of said body member, said body member tapering outwardly to said side edges to provide a smoother junction with the wall when said body member is coupled to the wall.

2. (Original) The back massaging device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

said body member comprising a first portion and a second portion, said first portion being coupled to said second portion such that said first portion is positioned at an angle to said second portion, said body portion being positioned around a corner formed by a pair of walls of the structure

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such that said first portion is coupled to one of the walls and said second portion is coupled to the other one of the walls to allow the massaging members to be pressed into the back of the user.

3. (Original) The back massaging device as set forth in claim 2, further comprising:

said body member comprising a flexible material, said flexible material being for permitting said body member to flex such that said body member is adapted for conforming to the angle formed between the walls of the structure.

4. (Original) The back massaging device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

said body member comprising an exterior surface and an interior surface, said interior surface being positioned opposite said exterior surface, said interior surface of said body member being adapted for being coupled to the wall of the structure, each said massaging members being coupled to said exterior surface such that said massaging members extend outwardly from said body member.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The back massaging device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

each of said massaging members comprising a bulbous portion and a base portion, said bulbous portion being coupled to said base portion, said base portion being coupled to said body member such that said bulbous portion is positioned opposite said body member, said bulbous portion being adapted for engaging the back of the user to massage the back of the user.

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7. (Original) The back massaging device as set forth in claim 6, further comprising:

said massaging members comprising a resiliently flexible material, said resiliently flexible material being adapted for permitting said bulbous portion of said massaging members to flex with respect to said base portion of the associated one of said massaging members to conform to the back of the user and massage a greater area of the back of the user.

8. (Original) The back massaging device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

each of said massaging members being positioned in a spaced relationship to adjacently positioned massaging members, said massaging members being adapted for permitting portions of the back of the user to be inserted between said massaging members to allow the massaging members to engaging a greater portion of the back of the user.

9. (Original) A back massaging device for being coupled to a wall of a structure to be rubbed against a back of a user to massage the back of the user, the back massaging device comprising:

a body member being adapted for being coupled to the wall;

a plurality of massaging members being coupled to said body member such that said massaging members are adapted for being positioned opposite the wall when said body member is coupled to the wall, said massaging members being adapted for kneading the back of the user when the back of the user is rubbed against said body member and said massaging members;

said body member comprising a first portion and a second portion, said first portion being coupled to said second portion such that said first portion is positioned at an angle to said second portion, said body portion

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being positioned around a corner formed by a pair of walls of the structure such that said first portion is coupled to one of the walls and said second portion is coupled to the other one of the walls to allow the massaging members to be pressed into the back of the user;

said body member comprising a flexible material, said flexible material being for permitting said body member to flex such that said body member is adapted for conforming to the angle formed between the walls of the structure;

said body member comprising an exterior surface and an interior surface, said interior surface being positioned opposite said exterior surface, said interior surface of said body member being adapted for being coupled to the wall of the structure, each said massaging members being coupled to said exterior surface such that said massaging members extend outwardly from said body member;

said body member comprising a pair of side edges, one of said side edges being positioned opposite the other one of said side edges of said body member, said body member tapering outwardly to said side edges to provide a smoother junction with the wall when said body member is coupled to the wall;

each of said massaging members comprising a bulbous portion and a base portion, said bulbous portion being coupled to said base portion, said base portion being coupled to said body member such that said bulbous portion is positioned opposite said body member, said bulbous portion being adapted for engaging the back of the user to massage the back of the user;

said massaging members comprising a resiliently flexible material, said resiliently flexible material being adapted for permitting said bulbous

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portion of said massaging members to flex with respect to said base portion of the associated one of said massaging members to conform to the back of the user and massage a greater area of the back of the user; and

each of said massaging members being positioned in a spaced relationship to adjacently positioned massaging members, said massaging members being adapted for permitting portions of the back of the user to be inserted between said massaging members to allow the massaging members to engaging a greater portion of the back of the user.